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Interim Union Budget 2024-2025

No change in tax slabs

Tax benefits for startups, investments made by sovereign wealth, pension funds to be extended to March 2025

New Delhi, Feb. 1 (Agencies)- Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman presented the Interim Union Budget — the one for the forthcoming financial year (2024-25). Since it is the last one before Lok Sabha elections, the Budget is an interim one. No changes were introduced to tax slabs. There is no tax liability for income of Rs. 7 lakh as announced in 2023-2024 Budget.

This is Nirmala Sitharaman's sixth Union Budget and she wrapped up her speech in 60 minutes. She wore a blue-cream Tussar saree on Budget day.

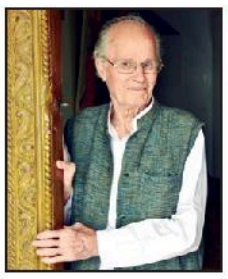
In her shortest speech so far, Nirmala Sitharaman said, "As for tax proposals, in keeping with the convention, I do not propose to make any changes relating to taxation and propose to retain the same tax rates for direct taxes and indirect taxes including import duties."

Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman

Meanwhile, the fiscal deficit target — gap between Government's revenue and expenses — for 2024-25 (FY25) was set at 5.1 percent of gross domestic product (GDP). Target is to reduce fiscal deficit to below 4.5% of the GDP in 2025-26 (FY26).

The interim budget — a short-term financial plan — seeks Parliament nod for a grant in advance to meet the Government's essential expenditure for the first four months of the new financial year. The next 'full budget' will be presented in July, once a new Government has been sworn in after the Lok Sabha elections.

(See BUDGET on page 7)



To Our Readers

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Killer Road Humps REMOVED

PWD Engineers find the humps unscientific after conducting inspection

One of the killer humps scraped out yesterday night.

Mysuru, Feb. 1 (RK&BS)- Finally, Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) authorities woke up to the alarming situation by removing the newly-laid road humps (speed-breakers) that were found unscientific by PWD Engineers, near the main gate of Manasagangothri, the PG campus of University of Mysore on Bogadi road in the city yesterday night.

Sadly, the action came only after three fatal accidents on these road humps on Sunday that snuffed the lives of three youngsters.

(See HUMPS on page 7)

STAR OF MYSORE

"We believe comment is free, but facts are sacred."

Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Thursday 1st February 2024

2-day designers expo-cum-sale

Mysuru, Feb. 1- Panachee, a time-tested brand since 2010, is back in Mysuru with a two-day expo-cum-sale for fashion forward folks at Hotel Southern Star on Vinoba Road on Feb. 2 and 3 from 10.30 am and 8 pm.

The event will be inaugurated by Namrata Shenoy, Founder-Trustee of Diya Foundation.

With over 40 designers from across India, Sahanaa Sumanth and Sindu Vikram, the organisers, have brought in handpicked designers to give a classy makeover to your wardrobe and home. Sarees, designer bags, Indo Westerns, tunics, fabrics and western wear will be available under one roof.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

The word 'Sanyasi' is well-known in India, used to address a man of God, an ascetic. Revered Swami Chinmayananda in his discourse on the fifth chapter of the Bhagavad Gita explains that 'Sanyasa' is not merely wearing ochre robes or turning one's back from the world and undertaking penances and fasts and so on. 'Sanyasa' is a state of mind, where the individual is able to control his senses, has reduced or nullified his ego and extricated himself from the grip of material desires.

The Gita proceeds further and speaks of the lure of the senses on man, where the fulfilment of one desire fuels further desires, this cycle repeating itself incessantly in whose inextricable web man is caught. All actions that man does are propelled by the expectations of the gains that he expects to obtain at the end.

The ego is bolstered by this apparent gain and the seeds of the next desire are already sown. If the anticipated fruits are not obtained, or are not as per expectations, anger, frustration and disappointment follow. Thus, man's own thoughts turn into his enemies, leading him into the abyss of mental turmoil.

As Swami Chinmayananda says, "a medicine, if taken in the proper dosage, is beneficial to the patient. The same medicine, when taken unregulated, can prove disastrous, even fatal." Same with our thoughts. Constructive and useful when controlled, dangerous when uncontrolled. Taking this argument further, the Gita says a true Yogi is able to live in this world, carry out his ordained duties amidst all the worldly pulls but yet remain unaffected and maintain his inner poise and serenity, because he has controlled his ego and senses and is free from the sense of doer-ship-'I am the doer.'

The Gita says that the external sense stimulations act upon the body through the nine orifices — the mouth, the two eyes, the two nostrils, the two ears, the reproductory and excretory openings.

Achieving control over these organs is the key to a life of mental steadfastness and discipline. Desires, ego, sense of 'I' are natural, says the Gita. It is not as if the Lord has created them.

"You have to understand that these three mental enemies need to be reined in and should consciously strive towards that. With the light of this knowledge illuminate your inner being where true divinity resides and thus empower yourself," says the Gita.

— Mirle Karthik in Deccan Herald

NEWS SPARKLERS

Ice cream cones which resemble flower bouquets

Tokyo: A Kyoto-based café that has gained popularity mainly thanks to its artistic ice cream cones which resemble intricate flower bouquets.

The edible ice-cream bouquets created by (THISIS) SHIZEN really look too pretty to eat, regardless of how tasty they are. Featuring a botanical-themed decor containing potted plants and nature-inspired paintings, this relatively new Japanese café serves a variety of ice-cream bouquets that are only available for a limited time, depending on the season. You can treat yourself to creamy roses, lilac, Japanese camellia, and many more flavourful wonders.

The main ingredient for these gorgeous ice-cream flowers is anko, a sweet red bean paste made from boiled azuki beans that are mashed into a thick paste and mixed with sugar. Its texture and taste are comparable to cooked sweet potato.

Teenagers sentenced for watching K-dramas

Chongjin: A chilling video showing the apparent conviction of two 16-year-old North Korean boys to 12 years of hard labour for watching South Korean soap operas recently went viral online.

In a video, two young boys in grey uniforms are seen on a stage surrounded by people as they receive their sentence for the "horrible" crime of watching and distributing K-dramas from the "puppet" South Korean regime. All South Korean entertainment, is forbidden in North Korea and according to a law enacted by the Hermit Kingdom in 2020, watching or distributing South Korean entertainment is punishable even death. But some people are willing to risk their lives for a glimpse of the neighbouring country.

HEALTH CAPSULE

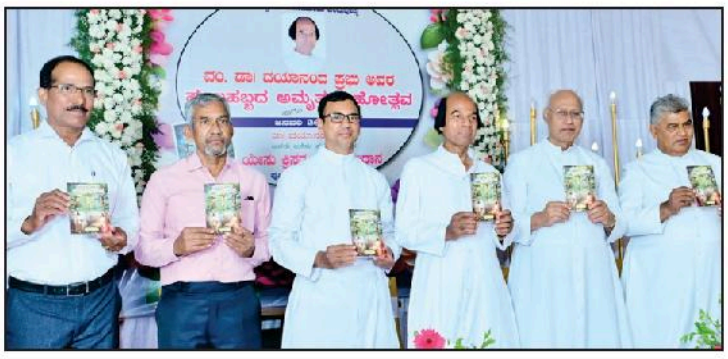
Most cases of chronic kidney disease show no overt symptoms during the early stage. Individuals with high risk factors are advised to check their kidney functions regularly.

By Dr. Vipin Kaverappa P.T, - Consultant – Nephrology - Manipal Hospital, Mysore

manipalhospitals LIFE'S ON

** Health Capsule is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature*

Book 'Yesu Kristhara Amara Balidana' released



The book 'Yesu Kristhara Amara Balidana,' authored by Rev. Dr. Dayananda Prabhu, was released at a function to commemorate the 75th birthday of the author (Dayananda Prabhu) at Pushpashrama, R.S. Naidu Nagar in city recently. Picture shows (from left) S.R. Lobo, George D'Souza, Rev. Fr. Sunil Fernandes, author Rev. Dr. Dayananda Prabhu, Rev. Fr. Louis Noronha and Rev. Dr. Arogyaswamy during the release of the book.

WATER LEVEL

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Maximum **124.80 feet**	Maximum **2,284.00 feet**	Maximum **2,859.00 feet**
Today's level **91.88 feet**	Today's level **2,272.67 feet**	Today's level **2,831.64 feet**
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Yesterday's level **91.88 feet**	Yesterday's level **2,272.74 feet**	Yesterday's level **2,831.65 feet**
Today's Inflow **588 cusecs**	Today's Inflow **142 cusecs**	Today's Inflow **218 cusecs**
Today's Outflow **501 cusecs**	Today's Outflow **500 cusecs**	Today's Outflow **200 cusecs**

REALLY...?

- *Before toilet paper was invented, Americans used to use corn cobs.*
- *A flock of ravens is called an 'Unkindness.'*
- *The world's smallest wasp is smaller than an amoeba: The Megaphragma mymaripenne wasp has the same body parts as any other bug (brain, wings, eyes, and more) but is a fifth of a millimetre long, making it smaller than most amoebas, which are made of just one cell.*

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

Ganesh: *To whom are you writing out this cheque for a thousand rupees?*
Prakash: *I am sending it to my sister for her birthday.*
Ganesh: *But you forgot to sign it.* ***Prakash:*** *Yes, I know. I don't want her to know who has sent it!!*

TODAY'S CURRENCY RATE

1 US Dollar	= Rs. 82.98
1 UK Pound	= Rs. 105.22
1 UAE Dirham	= Rs. 22.59
1 Euro	= Rs. 89.68

VOICE OF THE READER

Dodda Gadiyara restoration

Replace the old clock with modern system

Sir,

The restoration works of the historic Silver Jubilee Clock Tower (Dodda Gadiyara) has commenced under the leadership of Ramachandra Gowda, a specialist in restoration tasks (refer *Star of Mysore* dated Dec. 30 report titled ***Restoring Clock Tower)***.

Consideration can be given to replacing the ancient mechanical clock with a modern electronic system while retaining only the display disc with hour and minute hands. The currently non-functioning bell could be preserved as a mere showpiece, with the chiming function assigned to an audio system equipped with loudspeakers.

It is worth noting that similar modifications have been successfully implemented in the famous Clock Tower of London.

To reduce the load on the Clock Tower, the existing mechanical parts of the clock could be carefully dismantled and relocated to a designated place, such as the Visvesvaraya Museum in Bengaluru.

During restoration process, the use of drones equipped with movie cameras could provide photographic coverage. This would allow for recording of the work-in-progress and facilitate periodic updates to be shared with media. Such an approach ensures transparency and documentation throughout the restoration journey.

— D.V.M. Prakash

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Cleanfix-Schevaran and Swiss India Chamber of Commerce initiative

First Swiss India Golf Tournament in Mysuru on Feb. 3 and 4

Mysuru, Feb. 1- Swiss India Golf Tournament is being organised by Schevaran India and Cleanfix Switzerland in collaboration with Swiss India Chamber of Commerce (SICC) on Feb.3 and 4 at JW Golf Course in city.

Florin Mueller

The tournament will have over 250 participants involving golfers from Corporate bodies across the country and from JW Golf Club that has many international golfers.

The Swiss business hub India is involved in this event and **the tournament will be inaugurated by Florin Mueller, Head of Economic and Commercial Section of Swiss Embassy in India on Saturday (Feb. 3) at 7 am.**

Schevaran Cleanfix is committed to a clean environment and this golf tournament is the ideal platform to showcase their commitment to a clean environmental sustainability.

Prominent among the golfers participating are Satish Rao, President - Swiss Indian Chamber of Commerce, Sunil Bhaskar, MD - Air India Express, senior members of TCS and Tata Group among others.

Organising the Swiss India Golf Tournament is an initiative from Cleanfix-Schevaran and SICC to strengthen the business relationship between India and Switzerland.

This has more relevance at a time when the Free Trade Agreement between the two countries is in the final stage of ratification, according to a press release from Sam Cherian Kumbukattu, Managing Director of Mysuru-based Schevaran Laboratories Pvt. Ltd.

SDM-IMD to host NAISSANCE-2024

Mysuru, Feb. 1- SDM Institute for Management Development (SDM-IMD), Mysuru, will be hosting NAISSANCE-2024 on Feb. 2 and 3 at its premises in Siddartha Layout here. NAISSANCE-2024 is not just an event but a journey into the forefront of technology.

With a focus on all domains of management, the fest will feature a diverse range of activities, including singing, dancing, chess, thought-provoking financial challenges, marketing competitions and many more.

Over 500 B-school students from over 20 Colleges across India, including Karnataka and several other States will take part. Seema Latkar, SP, Mysuru district, will be the chief guest for NAISSANCE-2024. For details, contact Pranam Kumar on Mob: 99001-31288 or J.B. Akshaya on Mob: 87621-45213.

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NEWS BRIEFS

Lions fund-raising events on Feb. 3, 4

Lions Club of Mysore West will be organising its annual health and wellness fund-raising events on Feb. 3 and Feb. 4 to aid the Club's service projects. As part of the event, on Feb. 3, a health camp will be held between 9.30 am and 2 pm at the Mysore West Lions Sevanikethan School premises in Gokulam and the play 'Thatte Idli Raddhanta' will be staged by Rangavalli theatre group at Mysore Medical College Alumni Association Platinum Jubilee Auditorium at 6.30 pm. On Feb. 4, a 5-km walk/run will be held for school students and youth at 6.30 am from the School premises followed by Yoga Nidra event at 8.45 am.

Medical camp on Varicose Veins

JSS Ayurveda Hospital, Lalithadripura Road, Alanahalli, Mysuru, has organised a camp on Varicose Veins from Feb. 1 to 29 between 9 am and 4.30 pm. Those with symptoms like tortuous veins, difficulty in walking, painful legs, discolouration of skin, swelling of legs caused due to standing for longer duration, obesity etc., may avail the benefits of the camp. [Ph: 0821-2548231 or 97435-17652]

Office-bearers elected

The following have been elected as the office-bearers of Agastya Credit Co-operative Society Limited for the period of five years in the recently held elections: C.V. Parthasarathy, M.D. Gopinath, H.S. Prashanth Thathachar, K. Nagaraj, M.R. Balakrishna, H.P. Chethan, N. Paniraj, P. Mahima, K. Vikram, Nagashree, M.N. Sowmya, K.N. Arun, Shivarudrappa, Shashwathi Nayak and Rajamma (elected unanimously), according to a press release from the Society Secretary (Acting).

UoM Academic Council takes key decisions

- **Autonomous status of Colleges to continue for 2023-24**
- **BCA course at nine Government First Grade Colleges**
- **Proposal to start exclusive website to issue marks card, Convocation certificate to students**

University of Mysore Vice-Chancellor Prof. N.K. Lokanath chairing the Academic Council Meeting at Crawford Hall in city yesterday. Registrar (Administration) V.R. Shylaja, Registrar (Evaluation) Prof. K.M. Mahadevan and other Officials are also seen.

Mysuru, Feb. 1 (RK&BS)- Academic Council of University of Mysore (UoM) resolved to continue with the autonomous status of colleges for the academic year 2023-24 and existing courses at its meeting held at Crawford Hall here yesterday.

The meeting was chaired by Vice-Chancellor of UoM Prof. N.K. Lokanath, with Registrar (Administration) V.R. Shylaja, Registrar (Evaluation) Prof. K.M. Mahadevan and other Officials attending the meeting.

Autonomous institutions like Maharani's Science College, JSS Women's College, Saraswathipuram, JSS Arts, Science and Commerce College, Ooty Road, SBRR Mahajana First Grade College, Jayalakshmipuram and St. Philomena's College had submitted proposals to continue with various Under-Graduate (UG), Post-Graduate (PG), Diploma and Certificate Courses offered by them, which were considered on the basis of report submitted by Local Inspection Committee.

The proposals to start new courses at St. Philomena's College, namely B.Sc in Criminology and Forensic Science, Environmental Science, Data Science, Statistics and Education, BA in Visual Media, Education and Optional Kannada, MA in Kannada and Hindi, M.Sc in Food Science, MBA and MCA courses.

Nine Government First Grade Colleges of University of Mysore had submitted proposals to start BCA Courses, which were also considered, with the Local Inspection Committee submitting a report expressing its satisfaction about the basic infrastructural facilities available in those colleges.

A B.Ed College Principal complained about the delay in providing marks card on time after the conclusion of degree exams that has turned into a hurdle for the graduates to apply for Yuva Nidhi scheme of the Government, while a Member of Academic Council brought to the notice the inability to provide marks cards to foreign students within the expiry of VISA period, as they have to return to their countries within stipulated time.

Registrar Shylaja came out with a plan to develop an exclusive website to issue marks card and Convocation certificate on the lines of Bhoomi website developed by Revenue Department to issue land-related records.

Likewise, if a separate website is developed, the students can obtain marks card and Convocation certificate by submitting relevant information and records. With this, Varsity would become more student-friendly, she added.

Academic Council Members also took exception to the recent move of Higher Education Department to conduct common entrance test for Ph.D that poses threat to the autonomy of Varsities. Acknowledging the apprehensions of the Members, VC Prof. Lokanath assured to submit the opinions before the meeting of Higher Education Department scheduled on Feb. 8.

In a mocking tone, an Academic Council Member spoke about University College of Engineering, for which VC Prof. Lokanath assured to make it more visible.

The proposals to establish following endowment awards were also approved; Late Amaravati and late Krishnachari Cash Prize, Prof. Mallinath Kambar Cash Prize, Prof. B.S. Kiranagi Gold Medal among several others to name a few.

Finance Officer of UoM K.S. Rekha was also present.

Sub-Committee

A Sub-Committee involving experts will be constituted to frame new chapter for Commerce and MBA internship students and invite industry experts to deliver lectures. All students cannot be provided internship at industries. The shops offering photocopy services are benefiting the most with project reports. With some confusions prevailing in National Education Policy (NEP), we can arrive at a conclusion after seeking a report from the Sub-Committee

—Prof. N.K. Lokanath, VC, University of Mysore

Four-day Silk and Jewellery Exhibition-cum-Sale begins

A four-day Silk and Jewellery Exhibition-cum-Sale has been organised by The Chennai Silks and Sree Kumaran Jewellers at hotel Grand Mercure in city from Feb. 1 to 4 between 10 am and 8 pm. Dr. Krishnegowda, District Governor, Lions Club, is seen inaugurating the jewellery exhibition this morning. O.V. Jayakumar, Relationship Manager and R. Suresh Kumar, Asst. General Manager, are also seen.

Dr. Ravindranath appointed Acting Director of Jayadeva Hospital

Dr. Ravindranath

Bengaluru, Feb. 1- Senior faculty of Bengaluru's Sri Jayadeva Institute of Cardiovascular Sciences and Research (Popularly known as Jayadeva Hospital) Dr. K.S. Ravindranath has been appointed as the Acting Director of the Institute, following the retirement of Dr. C.N. Manjunath on Jan. 31 after 4-terms of extension.

Dr. Ravindranath has been serving as a Professor of the prestigious Institute. He had also served as the Vice-Chancellor of Rajiv Gandhi University of Health Sciences (RGUHS).

e-Filing portal suspended for 3-days from Feb. 3

New Delhi, Feb. 1- The Income-Tax (I-T) Department has said that owing to regular maintenance, the Department's e-filing portal services has been suspended from Feb. 3 to 5.

The services will be suspended from 2 pm on the afternoon of Feb. 3 up to 6 am on the morning of Feb. 5, according to an 'X' post posted by the I-T Department.

Aadhaar-enabled Payment System fraud

Money drained from city youth's bank account

Mysuru, Feb. 1 (PM&BCT)- Many people are falling victim to Aadhaar-enabled Payment System (AePS) where the bank accounts are exploited by cyber criminals, resulting in unauthorised access to funds.

Scammers have utilised leaked biometric details to circumvent the need for One-Time Passwords (OTPs), facilitating the draining of funds from unsuspecting victims. A spate of recent scams has laid bare the vulnerabilities of AePS, exposing how cyber criminals exploit loopholes in the system to defraud unsuspecting customers.

In Mysuru, cyber criminals have become active, employing deceptive tactics that have left account holders in the city facing an alarming scenario — receiving sudden notifications of fund withdrawals on their mobile phones. Disturbed by these alarming notifications, individuals hastily rush to their respective bank branches. Over the past month, approximately 15 to 20 cases have been reported, as per investigations by the Cyber Economic and Narcotics (CEN) Crime Police Station.

K. Pavan Kumar, a resident of the city for instance, received a notification last Tuesday at 3.34 pm, indicating a withdrawal of Rs. 7,500 from his account. Fearful of potential threats, he promptly visited the SBI Bank branch in Chamundipuram, seeking answers regarding these suspicious transactions.

An inquiry revealed that cyber fraudsters had exploited the AePS to carry out this unauthorised transaction. The AePS links an individual's bank account with their Aadhaar account, allowing transactions and withdrawals to be executed using biometric authentication. In this case, cyber criminals utilised Pavan Kumar's biometrics to illicitly access funds through AePS technology.

Concerned about potential misuse, Pavan Kumar immediately visited the bank, updated his Aadhaar details and blocked his Aadhaar number to prevent further unauthorised transactions.

How to prevent AePS fraud?

Contact the bank helpline number and report the fraud. Every bank has a dedicated hotline number to report fraudulent transactions. In case you face any AePS fraud, block your bank account immediately just when you notice the first transaction. For security purposes, change your PIN, internet banking password, or any other relevant passwords associated with your account, immediately. To prevent such fraud or misuse of Aadhaar data, you must lock the biometrics using the m-Aadhaar app or the Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) website.

Notably, AePS has per-day and amount-specific limits for transactions. Currently, the maximum limit for a single transaction is Rs. 10,000 with a maximum of five transactions per day. So, a total of Rs. 50,000 can be withdrawn in a day.

11 cyber criminals target 265 victims; loot Rs. 158.94 crore

Bengaluru, Feb. 1 (Agencies)- The Bengaluru Cybercrime Police have successfully dismantled an online jobs and investment fraud racket, leading to the arrest of 11 individuals involved in luring people into investing money with promises of high-interest rates. These suspects are reportedly wanted in 2,143 cases nationwide, amounting to a total duping of Rs. 158.94 crore. In Karnataka alone, the gang has defrauded at least 265 individuals, with 135 victims hailing from Bengaluru.

The *modus operandi* of the accused involved targeting home-makers and others with the offer of work-from-home opportunities. Initially, they enticed victims with high-interest rates for small investments. Once the victims were ensnared and began investing more substantial amounts, the fraudsters would withdraw the funds from banks and vanish without a trace.

Of the 11 arrested, four are from Maharashtra, five from Telangana, and two from Karnataka. The fraud has victimised individuals from 28 States, leading to the filing of 2,143 cases based on the same 30 bank account numbers used by the gang to perpetrate their scams. All 30 bank accounts have been frozen and the Police managed to recover only Rs. 62 lakh, the remaining amount was already withdrawn by the criminals.

During the operation, authorities seized eleven mobile phones, two laptops, SIM cards, cheque books and other valuables. The suspects were taken into custody and subjected to intense questioning. It was revealed that the gang had been active for over a year, with details of the 2,143 cases obtained from the NCRB portal.

In Karnataka, 265 individuals fell victim to the gang, with 135 cases reported in Bengaluru alone. The accused face charges in 14 Police Stations in Bengaluru and several of them are suspected to be account holders. Police suspect the possibility of additional gang members operating from abroad. This marks the first time that all 11 members of the gang have been apprehended.

It is noteworthy that the same Cybercrime Police had previously busted another racket, resulting in the arrest of individuals who had defrauded thousands of people to the tune of Rs. 854 crore. This recent operation underscores the ongoing efforts to combat online fraud, with 17 cases filed in Bengaluru, leading to the freezing of Rs. 60 lakh.

Leopard cubs reunited with their mother

The leopard cubs that were found in the sugarcane field. Picture right shows the mother leopard trapped in the cage.

Mysuru, Feb. 1 (MTY&VNS)- The leopard cubs that were found in the sugarcane field belonging to one Basavanna in Marashettihalli three days ago, were reunited with the mother yesterday.

In a bid to reunite the cubs with their mother, the Forest officials had placed the cubs inside the cage at the sugarcane field following the mother which came in search of the cubs was trapped.

Villagers had found two male and a female cub while harvesting the sugarcane and had informed the Forest officials who rushed to the spot and took the cubs into their custody. Since the cubs were only a month old, the Forest officials planned to reunite them with their mother.

ACF Lakshmikanth, RFO K. Surendra and others took part in the operation. Officials said the leopard and cubs would be released at a safe place in the forest.

Two held for dacoity

Mysuru, Feb. 1- H.D. Kote Town Police have arrested two persons allegedly involved in dacoity cases reported on Mysuru-Manandavadi Road, yesterday.

The Police said that the accused used to waylay the Kerala-bound vehicle during the night hours and rob the passengers of their valuables and cash. In one such incident, the accused, along with other two accomplices, had intercepted a vehicle transporting ginger from a Haadanuru village in Sargur taluk on Jan. 25 and had robbed driver Vinod and Rashid, both residents of Pulpally, a town in Wayanad in Kerala. When the duo said they had no cash, the accused threatened them and asked them to transfer the money digitally.

Based on the complaint filed by Vinod and Rashid, the Police registered a case, traced the mobile number and arrested the accused, residents of Kolagala village. Both were remanded to judicial custody by the jurisdictional Court. The Police are yet to nab the other two accused, who are at large.

It may be noted that a video of miscreants waylaying a Tamil Nadu-registered lorry on Nanjangud Road had gone viral. It is suspected that the same group might have been involved in the incident. The team, led by H.D. Kote Circle Police Inspector Shabbir Hussain, comprising SI Suresh Nayak, Head Constable Jagadish and staff members Mahadev Swamy, Syed Kabiruddin, Mohan, Yogesh and Ritish, was involved in the nabbing operation.

Former MUDA Chairman no more

P. Govindaraju

Mysuru, Feb. 1- Former Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA) Chairman and senior Congress leader P. Govindaraju passed away at his residence in Siddarthanagar here yesterday. He was 75.

A close associate of former Chief Minister Bangarappa, Govindaraju has served as MUDA Chairman during 1991-92. Govindaraju, who also served as KPCC Gen. Secretary, was appointed as the Chairman of Textile Corporation when S.M. Krishna was the CM. Govindaraju also contested the 1996 Lok Sabha Polls on Karnataka Congress Party ticket from Mysuru LS Constituency and lost.

He leaves behind his wife Rathnamma, son M.G. Gururaj, three daughters and a host of relatives and friends. Last rites were held at his farm in Rangacharihundi village on Bannur Road this afternoon.

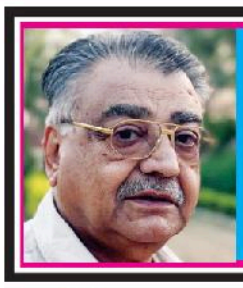
Former MLA Dr. Bharathi Shankar, Congress leaders Vikrant P. Devegowda, former MyLAC Chairman H.A. Venkatesh and District Congress President Dr. B.J. Vijaykumar have condoled the death.

Obituary

S.N. Ganesh Rao

Mysuru, Feb. 1- S.N. Ganesh Rao (56), a BEML employee and a resident of Kashipathi Agrahara in city, passed away yesterday. He leaves behind his wife, son and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were held at the foot of Chamundi Hill this afternoon.



Abracadabra... Abracadabra...

By K.B. Ganapathy

River Seine flows quietly in Mysuru

Saluting Dr. Filliozat, Padma Shri awardee

When a French Sanskrit Scholar **Dr. Pierre-Sylvain Filliozat,** a resident of Mysuru, was awarded the prestigious national civil honour Padma Shri, I was not surprised. *Star of Mysore* had the honour of introducing him to its readers many years ago as a Sanskrit scholar, who had done research on the great Sanskrit grammarian Panini and author of many books on ancient Indian culture.

Much as I wished to meet him soon after the announcement of the Padma awards by the Central Government before the Republic Day, it was not possible. At last, I could make it yesterday and it was indeed like being in the presence of a Jnana Yogi that Lord Krishna mentions in *Bhagavad Gita.* He seemed to be an embodiment of scholarship in Sanskrit. Tall, frail and smiling, he was an epitome of humility.

I was received by Dr. Filliozat and his wife Dr. Vasundhara Kavali Filliozat, who is a noted Historian and Epigraphist. She was also a recipient of Kannada Rajyotsava Award. Age seems to have taken toll of their younger days. Dr. Filliozat is 87 and Dr. Vasundhara Kavali Filliozat is 84. They live in an old house, spacious and with a huge backyard at Yadavagiri. The interior of the house has the characteristic of a heritage house. Understandably, it has a spacious library where they must be spending more time doing what is close to their heart and passion.

Dr. Vasundhara gave me a Kannada book titled *Alidulida Hampe (The Remains of Hampi).* The book was written in 1975 giving an overview of the Vijayanagar Empire and its capital. She said when she visited the place again in October 2023, she was shocked to discover that a couple of temples in ruins that she had seen were not there. Instead, there appeared in its place a hotel.

Dr. Vasundhara Filliozat's achievement in her given field of study is equally admirable. It is not surprising therefore that she was invited to deliver the 'Eleventh Pupul Jayakar Memorial Lecture' on Apr. 19, 2019 at INTACH, New Delhi. She is of the opinion that there are misconceptions and wrong interpretations on the history of Hindu Kingdoms which should be corrected. Sadly, the post independent India's education policy was totally lopsided so much so we were taught more about Muslim rule, which was dominant in Northern India, and the history of British India and very little or nothing about the ancient history of Hindu India or the Hindu dynasties and kings of Southern India. It was interesting to know that Dr. Vasundhara Kavali Filliozat had also played an important role in bringing Hampi among the world heritage list of historical monuments being recognised by UNESCO.

FROM LEFT: ***Dr. Gil Ben-Herut, Dr. Vasundhara Filliozat, Dr. Pierre-Sylvain Filliozat, Dr. K.B. Ganapathy and R.S. Shankar.***

I was just browsing through a book about Hampi and Vijayanagar Empire published by INTACH and authored by Dr. Vasundhara Filliozat and felt elated to read her observations about the way the history was written about India (apparently patronised by the rulers) which is similar to my own opinion on the subject. Let me quote her and leave it to our readers to reflect on what was taught to us in the past 75 years of Independence:

"It was the British administrators' idea that to rule permanently over India, our real Indian history should be conceived and written in accordance with the legends, dubious copper plates and later literary sources, so that the scholars would fight amongst themselves on those points, instead of searching for true facts."

Dr. Vasundhara in her book records: *"Vasucaritra of Bhattamurti calls Vijayanagara, Karnata Kingdom. Evidences complied but suffice it to show that the real name of what is well-known as Vijayanagara empire is Karnata-samrajya or Karnataka empire."*

Dr. Pierre-Sylvain Filliozat told me that he came to India for the first time in 1955, eight years after independence and when I asked him how he found the administration, he said, without batting an eyelid, "Well, it was like colonial India."

Again when I asked him if he is finding any change now, his answer was 'Yes'. I thought it could be positive and asked him to explain. He then told me how certain values which were special for India are disappearing. Actually I was thinking he would touch upon the political situation. However, he was far removed from politics. He is a man of culture and scholarship. He said, giving an example, the attire of Indian women *saree* is very unique and also beautiful. However, these days *saree* seems to be yielding place to other types of dress.

At this point, his wife Dr. Vasundhara joined him and said, "Very true, our *sarees* are very very unique and beautiful. When I went to France in 1965 people there looking at me dressed in a *saree* thought that I was a princess."

As I was about to take leave of them, there entered two visitors — Dr. Gil Ben-Herut, tall handsome, all smiles, accompanied by R.S. Shankar of Ramakrishna Ashram with fruits, flowers and a shawl to honour the recipient of the Padma Shri award. The moment I saw Dr. Gil with Shankar whom I knew personally, I wished them with *namaskar* followed by shake-hands. Shankar introduced me to Dr. Gil, a Professor at the University of South Florida, USA, a Fulbright Scholar, who has come to India to do research on *Vachana Sahitya.* No wonder he spoke to me in Kannada. It was my pleasure to join them in felicitating the octogenarians Dr. Filliozat and Dr. Vasundhara.

I saw a couple of oil paintings of unique style done by Dr. Filliozat. Apparently, they were done many years ago as the artist's signature was almost erased to a pale shadow. Couple of them are produced above.

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Killer road humps removed

The road hump near AIISH main campus removed, but left in a haphazard manner as seen in the picture above.

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They were riding in separate vehicles, two of them on two-wheelers, when they were caught off-guard and rode over the newly laid humps only to meet with fatal accidents.

Following the back-to-back accidents and the outrage among a section of public, PWD engineers conducted a third party inspection of the road humps in question and submitted their findings terming them as unscientific. Acting on the basis of this report, KR Traffic Police Inspector M. Irshad wrote to MCC Commissioner and other officials concerned to remove the humps at the earliest, besides recommending replacing the road humps with rumble strips as per Indian Road Congress (IRC) specifications.

Irshad said "Earlier also when we had written to MCC Commissioner to lay the road humps, we had demanded to lay them as per IRC norms."

As a precaution, the humps built near All India Institute of Speech and Hearing (AIISH) main campus, on Chaduranga road (Sri Jayachamarajendra College of Engineering (SJCE) main road) are also removed, though no accidents were reported here.

BJP leaders visit

A delegation of BJP leaders led by City BJP President and former MLA L. Nagendra, which inspected these humps on Wednesday morning, had warned of staging protest if they were not cleared within two days.

Killer road humps

City Advocate gives memorandum to Police Commissioner to file a case

City Advocate S. Arunkumar, who is also the Convenor of Jaagruthi NGO, handing over the memorandum to the Personal Assistant of City Police Commissioner B. Ramesh at the latter's Office in Nazarbad today.

Mysuru, Feb. 1 (BS)- City Advocate S. Arunkumar, who is also the Convener of NGO Jaagruthi, Mysuru, has submitted a memorandum to the Commissioner of Police this morning asking him to file a FIR *suo-moto* against the MCC Commissioner following the death of three youths last Sunday while riding over a faulty and unscientifically laid speed-breakers on Bogadi Main Road.

Since the City Police Commissioner B. Ramesh was absent in the office, Advocate Arunkumar handed over the memorandum to the Personal Assistant (PA) of the Police Commissioner at the latter's Office in Nazarbad.

Court restrains statements against MP Pratap Simmha

Pratap Simmha

Bengaluru, Feb. 1- The Bengaluru City Civil and Sessions Court has issued an interim injunction against KPCC spokesperson M. Lakshmana from Mysuru, prohibiting him from conducting any press conferences targeting Mysuru-Kodagu MP Pratap Simmha.

Additionally, the Court has summoned Lakshmana to appear before it on Feb. 13 in response to the complaint. The injunction extends to all forms of media, including newspapers and TV channels, with a specific prohibition on statements made on local cable channels, radio, and social media.

The Court's decision stems from Lakshmana holding press conferences and making baseless statements against the MP, even in response to Simmha's own statements. The Court deemed these actions as potentially baseless and, as a result, issued the interim restraining order. Pratap Simmha sought legal intervention due to the perceived unwarranted press conferences. The MP emphasised the significance of honouring the Court's directive, stating that any violation by Lakshmana would be considered contempt of Court. The Court's decision follows a thorough consideration of all arguments presented during the proceedings, the MP has stated.

Civil services exam coaching concludes

Mysuru, Feb.1 (RK&DM)- The valedictory of the 50-day coaching camp for Civil services and KAS exams organised by the Competitive Exams Coaching Centre of KSOU(Karnataka State Open University) was held at Cauvery auditorium in Muktagangothri campus, on Hunsur road in city, this morning.

Speaking on the topic 'Exam Preparations', Hunsur Assistant Commissioner Mohammed Harris Sumer said that students can achieve success if they imbibe five qualities in their academic pursuit. Observing that success beckons only when the candidates march forward leaving behind their inferiority complex and negative attitude, he said that mastery over the language, good communication and writing skills are key for achieving success in any exam or field of study.

Stressing on the need for candidates to have a strong and deep understanding of all aspects of a multitude of subjects to achieve success in civil services exam, he said that this is what the examiners expect from the candidates.

" There is talent in some form or the other in everyone of us. But it is important to find the best way for unfolding this. The candidates must have a comprehensive understanding of the exam before making the preparations to ace it. Good and clear expression of the language, in depth studies and regular revisions will help in taking on the exams more easily. This apart, the candidates must get well prepared and should develop a great level of self-confidence before taking on the exams", Sumer said.

Mysuru Zoo Executive Director D. Mahesh Kumar said that broadly speaking, hard work and determination is key to success. Pointing out that hard work, regular and organised studies are key for achieving the set goals, he said that there should be clarity and continuity in thinking among the candidates to achieve success in the exams. This apart, knowledge, skill and attitude too play a major role in one's success in competitive exams, he added.

KSOU Vice-Chancellor Prof. Sharanappa V. Halse presided. KSOU Registrar Prof. K.L.N.Murthy, Registrar (Evaluation) Prof.K.B. Praveen, Dean Ramanathan Naidu, the coaching centre Co-ordinator Jainahalli Satyanarayangowda and others were present.More than 530 candidates took part in the 50-day coaching class.

Interim Union Budget

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Direct tax collection trebled

The number of tax filers swelled by 2.4 times, Nirmala Sitharaman said. The direct tax collection has trebled since 2014. In 2024-25, the tax receipts are projected at Rs. 26.02 lakh crore. The Finance Minister has announced 2 crore more houses under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana – Gramin (PMAY-G).

"For our tech-savvy youth, this will be a golden era. A corpus of Rs. One lakh crore will be established with 50-year interest free loan provided. The corpus will provide long-term financing and refinancing with long tenures at low or nil interest rates. This will encourage the private sector to scale up research and innovation significantly in sunrise domains," she said.

"We need to have programmes that combine the powers of our youth and technology. A new scheme will be launched for strengthening deep tech technology for defence purposes and expediting atma nirbharta," the Finance Minister added.

Health cover for ASHA workers

Nirmala Sitharaman also said that the health cover under the Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana will be extended to all Accredited Social Health Activist (ASHA) Workers and Anganwadi workers and helpers as well.

She also announced plans to set up more medical colleges through utilisation of the existing hospital infrastructure under various departments. A committee for this purpose will be set up to examine the issues and make relevant recommendations, she said.

Triple talaq illegal

"Making triple talaq illegal, reservation of 1/3rd seats for women in Lok Sabha and State assemblies and giving over 70 percent houses under the PM Awas Yojana in rural areas to women have enhanced their dignity," said the Finance Minister.

"Through roof-top solarisation, one crore households will be enabled to obtain up to 300 units of free electricity every month. This scheme follows the resolve of the Prime Minister on the historic day of the consecration of Shri Ram Mandir in Ayodhya." The Government aims to achieve 'net zero' by 2070.

'Viksit Bharat' by 2047

For boost to tourism, "long-term interest free loans to be provided to States to encourage development." Nirmala Sitharaman noted that the Indian economy has witnessed positive transformation in the last 10 years.

"The Government is working towards making India 'Viksit Bharat' by 2047...Our focus is sabka sath, sabka vikas," the Finance Minister said and added "The Government is equally focused on GDP - Governance, Development and Performance."

In a review report ahead of Budget, the Finance Ministry projected that the Indian economy is likely to grow at over 7 percent and is expected to become the third-largest economy in the world in the next three years, with a GDP of 5 trillion dollars.

MYSORE TRAIN TIMINGS

FROM MYSURU RAILWAY STATION TOWARDS KSR BENGALURU

Train No.	From Station	To Station	Mysuru Departure	Bengaluru Arrival	Days of Service
16586	Murudeshwar	KSR Bengaluru	3.45 am	6.15 am	Daily
12610	Mysuru	Chennai	5.00 am	7.50 am	Daily
16217	Mysuru	Shirdi	5.20 am	8.00 am	Monday
17326	Mysuru	Belagavi	5.40 am	8.40 am	Daily
06256	Mysuru	KSR Bengaluru	6.10 am	9.15 am	Daily Passenger
16215	Mysuru	Bengaluru	6.45 am	9.35 am	Daily
22687	Mysuru	Varanasi	7.30 am	9.55 am	Tue & Thu
20623	Mysuru	KSR Bengaluru	8.20 am	10.50 am	Daily
07345	Chamarajanagar	KSR Bengaluru	9.05 am	12.50 pm	Daily Passenger
19668	Mysuru	Udaipur	10.00 am	12.10 pm	Thu [Humsafar Exp]
12975	Mysuru	Jaipur	10.30 am	12.55 pm	Thu & Sat
12578	Mysuru	Darbhanga	10.30 am	1.35 pm	Friday
12613	Mysuru	KSR Bengaluru	11.30 am	2.00 pm	Daily
16315	Mysuru	Kochuveli	12.50 pm	4.35 pm	Daily
20608	Mysuru	MGR Chennai	1.05 pm	2.50 pm	Daily Except Wed Vande Bharat
17307	Mysuru	Bagalkot	1.25 pm	4.30 pm	Daily
06258	Mysuru	KSR Bengaluru	1.45 pm	4.55 pm	Daily Passenger
12008	Mysuru	MGR Chennai	2.15 pm	4.15 pm	Daily Except Wed
20659	Mysuru	KSR Bengaluru	2.50 pm	5.20 pm	Daily
12786	Mysuru	Kacheguda	3.15 pm	5.40 pm	Daily
16535	Mysuru	Pandharpur	3.30 pm	6.30 pm	Daily
16232	Mysuru	Mayiladuturai	4.15 pm	6.45 pm	Daily
16219	Chamarajanagar	Tirupati	4.55 pm	8.20 pm	Daily
16236	Mysuru	Tuticorin	6.20 pm	8.55 pm	Daily
16592	Mysuru	Hubballi	6.50 pm	9.40 pm	Daily
16210	Mysuru	Ajmer	7.10 pm	10.10 pm	Tue & Thu
16227	Mysuru	Talguppa	7.30 pm	10.30 pm	Daily
06526	Mysuru	KSR Bengaluru	7.50 pm	11.05 pm	Daily
22681	Mysuru	Chennai	8.15 pm	10.50 pm	Wednesday
16022	Mysuru	Chennai	9.00 pm	11.45 pm	Daily
06269	Mysuru	SMVT Baiyyappanahalli	9.50 pm	12.45 am	Daily
06560	Mysuru	KSR Bengaluru	10.25 pm	1.15 am	Daily
22135	Mysuru	Renigunta	11.00 pm	1.30 am	Friday
22818	Mysuru	Howrah	11.45 pm	2.00 am	Sunday

DEPARTING FROM KSR BENGALURU AND ARRIVING MYSURU

Train No.	From Station	To Station	Bengaluru Departure	Mysuru Arrival	Days of Service from Bengaluru
06270	SMVT Baiyyappanahalli	Mysuru	12.15 am	4.30 am	Daily
22817	Howrah	Mysuru	12.58 am	3.25 am	Sunday
16218	Shirdi	Mysuru	12.50 am	3.20 am	Thursday
06559	KSR Bengaluru	Mysuru	2.05 am	5.15 am	Daily Passenger
16021	Chennai	Mysuru	4.00 am	6.40 am	Daily
16220	Tirupati	Chamarajanagar	4.45 am	7.20 am	Daily
16228	Talguppa	Mysuru	5.05 am	8.20 am	Daily
22682	Chennai	Mysuru	5.25 am	7.45 am	Friday
16231	Mayiladuturai	Mysuru	5.45 am	8.00 am	Daily
16591	Hubballi	Mysuru	6.00 am	8.50 am	Daily
12785	Kacheguda	Mysuru	6.35 am	9.30 am	Daily
16235	Tuticorin	Mysuru	7.15 am	10.20 am	Daily
16536	Solapur	Mysuru	8.00 am	10.45 am	Daily
17308	Bagalkot	Mysuru	8.20 am	11.45 am	Daily
16316	Kochuveli	Mysuru	8.35 am	11.15 am	Daily
06257	KSR Bengaluru	Mysuru	9.40 am	1.30 pm	Daily Passenger
20607	MGR Chennai	Mysuru	10.15 am	12.20 pm	Daily Except Wed Vande Bharat
12007	MGR Chennai	Mysuru	10.45 am	1.00 pm	Except Wed
20660	KSR Bengaluru	Mysuru	11.30 am	2.00 pm	Daily
12976	Jaipur	Mysuru	1.15 pm	4.00 pm	Wed & Fri
19667	Udaipur	Mysuru	1.30 pm	4.40 pm	Wed [Humsafar Exp]
20624	KSR Bengaluru	Mysuru	1.50 pm	4.20 pm	Daily
12614	KSR Bengaluru	Mysuru	3.15 pm	5.45 pm	Daily
07346	KSR Bengaluru	Chamarajanagar	3.35 pm	6.35 pm	Daily Passenger
06525	KSR Bengaluru	Mysuru	4.50 pm	7.40 pm	Daily Passenger
12577	Darbhanga	Mysuru	5.15 pm	8.00 pm	Thursday
17325	Belagavi	Mysuru	5.45 pm	8.40 pm	Daily
16216	KSR Bengaluru	Mysuru	6.15 pm	9.05 pm	Daily
22688	Varanasi	Mysuru	6.35 pm	10.00 pm	Mon & Sat
06255	KSR Bengaluru	Mysuru	7.00 pm	10.15 pm	Daily
12609	Chennai	Mysuru	8.50 pm	10.50 pm	Daily
16585	KSR Bengaluru	Mangaluru	9.00 pm	11.20 pm	Daily Except Friday
22136	Renigunta	Mysuru	11.15 pm	1.35 am	Saturday
16209	Ajmer	Mysuru	11.50 pm	2.15 am	Tue & Sun

TOWARDS HASSAN, ARSIKERE, SHIVAMOGGA, DAVANGERE, HAVERI, HUBBALLI, DADAR, NEW DELHI & BACK

Train	From Station	To Station	Departure	Arrival	Days of Service
16206	Mysuru	Talguppa	6.00 am	1.15 pm	Daily
11036	Mysuru	Dadar	6.15 am	5.35 am (next day)	Sunday (Mysuru)
06268 (Exp)	Mysuru	Arsikere	6.30 am	10.25 am	Daily
16208	Mysuru	Yesvantpur	7.15 am	10.10 am (Hassan)	Daily
16225	Mysuru	Shivamogga	10.15 am	4.25 pm	Daily
16222	Mysuru	Talguppa	2.00 pm	11.30 pm	Daily
06214	Mysuru	Arsikere	5.45 pm	9.50 pm	Daily
12781	Mysuru	Hazrat Nizamuddin	7.30 pm (Fri)	6.45 pm (Sun)	Friday
17301	Mysuru	Belagavi	8.45 pm	5.55 am	Daily
16585	Mysuru	Murdeshwar	11.40 pm	12.55 am	Daily
17302	Dharwad	Mysuru	8.25 pm	5.55 am	Daily
06213	Arsikere	Mysuru	5.00 pm	9.25 am	Daily
16226	Shivamogga	Mysuru	11.15 am	4.50 pm	Daily
16207 (Exp)	Yesvantpur	Mysuru	4.45 pm (Hassan)	8.10 pm	Daily
06267	Arsikere	Mysuru	5.30 pm	9.15 pm	Daily
11035	Dadar	Mysuru	9.30 pm	9.50 pm (next day)	Thursday (Dadar)
16221	Talguppa	Mysuru	6.15 am	3.35 pm	Daily
16205	Talguppa	Mysuru	2.50 pm	10.30 pm	Daily
12782	Hazrat Nizamuddin	Mysuru	5.10 am (Mon)	2.20 am (Wed)	Monday
16586	Murdeshwar	Mysuru	2.10 pm	3.30 am	Daily

TOWARDS MYSURU TO CHAMARAJANAGAR AND BACK

Train	From Station	To Station	Departure	Arrival	Days of Service
07327	Mysuru	Chamarajanagar	5.00 am	6.35 am	Daily Passenger
16220	Tirupati	Chamarajanagar	7.20 am (Mys)	9.10 am	Daily
06233	Mysuru	Chamarajanagar	8.20 am	10.10 am	Daily Passenger
06300	Mysuru	Nanjangud	9.15 am	10.05 am	Daily
06276	Mysuru	Chamarajanagar	12.00 pm	1.45 pm	Daily
06543	Mysuru	Chamarajanagar	3.45 pm	5.20 pm	Daily
07346	Mysuru	Chamarajanagar	6.40 pm	8.40 pm	Daily
07345	Chamarajanagar	Mysuru	7.15 am	9.00 am	Daily
16219	Chamarajanagar	Tirupati	3.30 pm	4.45 pm	Daily
06234	Chamarajanagar	Mysuru	5.25 pm	7.15 pm	Daily Passenger
06275	Chamarajanagar	Mysuru	5.25 pm	7.15 pm	Daily
06544	Chamarajanagar	Mysuru	8.45 pm	10.30 pm	Daily
07328	Chamarajanagar	Mysuru	9.30 pm	11.10 pm	Daily Passenger

DECODING MYTHOLOGY

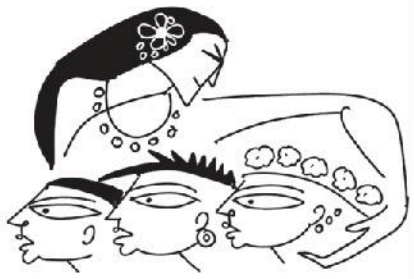
Dr. Devdutt Pattanaik - Author, Speaker, Illustrator, Mythologist

Sita's three sons

In the popular understanding of Ramayana, Sita gave birth to twins Luv and Kush who challenged their father and defeated him in battle and restored the dignity of Sita. However, in the many re-tellings of Ramayana found across the world, we learn Sita delivered only one child called Luv. She raised this child in the ashram of Valmiki. One day, when she went to gather fruits and berries from the forest, she left the child in the care of Valmiki. But when she returned, she found not one but two children. Valmiki explained that while she was away Luv had wandered off, and he could not find the child. In panic, he used his magical powers to create a new child. He gathered Kusha grass, fashioned out of it, a doll, breathed life into it and created a second child which was the very likeness of the first child. This is how the second twin was born.

This story is found across India in many folk re-tellings and makes one wonder why is it that storytellers felt the need to show that Sita's twins were not born naturally but as a result of magic? Is it that twin children were considered auspicious and therefore you need an alternate explanation for the existence of two sons? Of course, we can only speculate on this.

In Sri Lanka, Sita does not have two sons but three sons. The story goes that Valmiki did produce the second child using Kusha grass and his magical powers, but Sita does not believe that he's capable of doing so. To prove he takes a flower and fashions a child out of flowers and creates a third child. And thus, these three children defeat Ram in battle and become famous as a trio of gods, who are invoked and play a very important role in Sri Lankan folk rituals and traditions. Their dance is performed in Vishnu temples, Vishnu



being a guardian of the Buddha in Sri Lankan lore. These three sons of Ram are also called the sons of Vishnu and invoked to protect kings and defend the land from ghosts and goblins.

In Sri Lankan lore, when Prince Vijay came from India, along with 600 people and colonised the land he fell in love in Sri Lanka with a Yakshini, a local forest spirit, one can say a tribal woman. However, he felt that he would not be recognised as king by the kings of India unless he married into a royal family. And so, he abandoned the Yakshini and married the princess of Madurai, as a result of which he and his son suffered from various skin ailments. Vijay and son invoked the three sons of Sita who cured them of illness. And since then, three sons of Sita are often ritually invoked in temple rituals to get rid of curses.

In Sri Lankan Ramayana there are many variations in the story. For example, Ram's exile happens not because of any palace politics, but because of astrological reasons, the malevolent effect of the planet Saturn, which is why he goes into the forest in the form of an elephant for seven years, during which Sita is abducted. Ram, with the help of Hanuman and Lakshman, rescues her. But one day Ram finds that Sita has painted an image of Ravana on a banana leaf which is why he sends out of the palace into the forest, where he bears three sons who become the guardian spirits of Lanka.

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Joy Alukkas receives MD of The Year Award

Joy Alukkas (CMD, Joyalukkas India Limited) seen receiving MD & CEO Awards 2024 for 'Best Digital/Social Media Marketing of the Year' & 'National Retail Chain of the Year' from Sania Malhotra and Zoya Afroz (film actresses) at a ceremony organised by The Retail Jeweller Group in Mumbai recently.

Mysuru's own Chikkanna from *Kiraathaka* to *Upadhyaksha*

Having emerged from a humble background, Chikkanna has now risen to prominence as one of the most sought-after actors in the Kannada Film Industry. He stands out as one of the few actors to have shared the screen with almost every lead actor, from 'Rocking Star' Yash to 'Kiccha' Sudeep. With a career spanning over 200 movies since 2011, Chikkanna has recently taken a significant leap by starring as the lead actor in the film 'Upadhyaksha.' *Star of Mysore* **caught up with the actor during his visit to Mysuru recently.** Excerpts...

By S.N. Venkatnag Sobers

Star of Mysore (SOM): Congratulations on the tremendous success of the movie 'Upadhyaksha'. Did you anticipate such a strong opening?

Chikkanna: Thank you. It's indeed a fantastic opening and I honestly never expected such a positive response. As an actor, predominantly known for comic roles, being embraced by the audience in a leading role feels like a significant triumph.

SOM: Venturing into a lead role is a bold move. What influenced your decision?

Chikkanna: The decision was driven solely by the compelling story and narration presented to me. Given the success of the movie 'Adhyaksha,' we decided to create a sequel and fortunately, it has resonated well with the audience, which brings me immense joy. Additionally, I sought feedback from my friends and close circles, receiving a positive response. Subsequently, a meeting with the producer was arranged to move forward with the project.

SOM: Your filmography includes collaborations with a majority of lead actors such as Dr. Puneeth Rajkumar (late), Yash, Darshan Thoogudeepa, and 'Kiccha' Sudeep. This is a unique opportunity not many get. How did you manage to achieve this?

Chikkanna: Indeed, I consider myself fortunate to have worked alongside all the lead actors, not just in one movie but in many. The warmth and affection extended to me by everyone in the industry have been a blessing, motivating me to take on more projects. The widespread support from the entire Kannada film industry for 'Upadhyaksha' is a testament to the love I have received from all quarters.

SOM: How did your journey into movies unfold? Was becoming a movie star something you had envisioned?

Chikkanna: The journey into movies began unexpectedly during a rehearsal for a programme commemorating 75 years of Kannada film industry. Yash noticed my talent and subsequently cast me in the movie 'Kiraathaka,' marking the beginning of a transformative journey. I had never envisioned becoming a part of the film industry even in my wildest dreams. Initially involved in TV serials, thanks to Balanna, a television actor, the opportunity to feature in numerous movies was something I had never imagined.

SOM: Reflecting on your 13-year journey, how do you perceive it?

Chikkanna: The journey has been remarkably smooth without major challenges. I never actively sought opportunities; after 'Kiraathaka' with Yash, I naturally landed in smaller roles, which I took up with dedication while continuing to work in television shows. The turning point came with 'Raja Huli,' once again alongside Yash. This paved the way for 'Adhyaksha' alongside Sharan and from that point onward, there has been a continuous and rewarding journey.

SOM: In numerous interviews, you've shared details about your background. Looking back, do you experience a sense of satisfaction?

Chikkanna: I do feel content and happy. Going from a point where I couldn't even afford to buy a bicycle to the position I am in now, brings a deep sense of satisfaction.

SOM: Having taken on a lead role, do you envision doing only hero-centric roles in the future?

Chikkanna: No, not at all. I have upcoming movies where I play comic roles, such as 'Choo Mantar,' 'Martin,' and 'Raju James Bond,' which are to be released. I plan to continue portraying diverse characters, just as I have done in the past. If scripts similar to 'Upadhyaksha' come my way, I would certainly consider taking them up.

SOM: For aspiring individuals in the industry, what advice would you offer?

Chikkanna: Success doesn't come through shortcuts. Whether in the film industry or any other profession, hard work is the key to reaping rewards. It might take time, but persistence is crucial. As an example, 'Upadhyaksha' waited for three years before hitting the silver screens. Despite challenges such as big banner releases after COVID-19 and elections, we didn't lose hope. The wait has proven worthwhile, with the movie enjoying a fantastic opening.

SOM: There have been instances of fan wars in recent times. What is your perspective on this?

Chikkanna: It's heartening to see fans show immense love and admiration for their favourite heroes. However, this enthusiasm must not translate into conflicts among themselves. While there might be minor disagreements with a few individuals in the industry, it's crucial to remember that tomorrow the same actors might collaborate in a movie. In the film industry, relationships are dynamic and one cannot definitively categorise anyone as a friend or a foe.

SOM: Your thoughts on Mysuru.

Chikkanna: Mysuru holds a special place in my heart. It's the city where I grew up, blessed by the presence of Goddess Chamundeshwari.

Akka Mahadevi Vachanas comes to life through western eyes on Feb. 3

Mysuru, Feb. 1- On Feb. 3 from 6 pm to 7.30 pm, Heritage House at Saraswathipuram will be the stage for an enchanting cultural event as Dr. Gil Ben-Herut from University of South Florida and Sriranjini Simha come together to breathe life into the profound Vachanas of Akka Mahadevi.

Dr. Gil, renowned for his insightful renditions, based on the translation work by himself and Prof. RVS Sundaram, will showcase the timeless wisdom of Akka Mahadevi's vachanas, while Sriranjini's Karnatak musical expertise promises a fresh and innovative approach to vachanas adopted to classical songs.

The heritage setting of Heritage House will provide the perfect backdrop for this celebration of Akka Mahadevi's legacy, creating a unique experience that bridges the gap between the ancient and the contemporary and between the west and the east.

For details, contact Vishwanath on Mob: 99729-62868.

Skills India 2024: AI Edition Conference tomorrow

Mysuru, Feb. 1- Adeptic Creative Labs and SmartEES Club have organised the inaugural edition of the 'Skills India 2024: AI Edition Conference' at Silent Shores Resort & Spa, BEML Road, Hootagalli, Mysuru, on Feb. 2 from 2 pm to 7 pm.

The conclave will feature leading speakers from the industry discussing the importance of skilling for youth in the age of AI. The audience will consist of around 120 people including professionals and staff and students of professional colleges from Mysuru.

The event will be inaugurated by Yaduveer Krishnadatta Chamaraja Wadiyar of Mysore Royal Family, who will also deliver the opening address.

Pavan Soni, Innovation Evangelist, will deliver the keynote address.

The event includes a Panel Discussion on the topic 'Skilling in the age of AI' featuring Seetha Lakshmi P R, SPM, Broadcom, Dr, Rajaram Kudli, Data Science Evangelist and Naveen Lakkur, Chief Innovation Coach. The session will be moderated by Neeraja Ganesh, TEDx speaker and leadership trainer and coach.

Dr. Rajashri, Co-Founder of Vyoma Artspace and Studio Theatre, will kick off proceedings with a workshop on 'Communication through Theatre Experience.'

The event will also see the launch of a skill development platform to host a galaxy of thinkers, coaches, trainers and subject matter experts set to share their expertise and coach teams of professionals to success.

For further details, contact Mob: 93537-73442.

WORD OF THE DAY

Bailiwick

Pronunciation: bai·li·wick
Meaning: Bailiwick refers to the domain or sphere in which someone has superior knowledge or authority.
Origin: The first half of the word bailiwick comes from the Middle English word for "bailiff"—in this case, a term referring to a sheriff or chief officer of a town in medieval England, not the officer who assists today in US courtrooms. Bailiff comes, via Anglo-French, from the Medieval Latin verb bajulare, meaning "to care for" or "to support." The second half of bailiwick comes from wik, a Middle English word for "dwelling place" or "village," which ultimately hails from the Latin word vicus, meaning "village." (This root is also thought to have given English -wich and -wick, suffixes used in place names like Norwich and Warwick.) Although bailiwick dates from the 15th century, the "special domain of knowledge" sense we use most often today did not appear in English until the middle of the 19th century.
Example: Middle Eastern, Asian, Italian and Indian markets, Trader Joe's, high-end gourmet shops and local farmers markets are all in her bailiwick.—Michelle Huneven, Los Angeles Times, 15 June 2023.

THE ODD WORD

Gobbledygook

A meaningless language.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

The cock of the walk

Meaning: This phrase "Cock of the walk" refers to someone who acts more important than others in a group.
Origin: The origin of the "Cock of the walk" isn't known, but this slang term has been in use for more than two hundred years. One story says that in the early 1800s, boatmen traveling the Mississippi River held prize fights between champion fighters from different boats for entertainment. The winner was awarded the title "Cock of the walk" meaning "best of the best."
Example: "Jaime loved acting the cock of the walk and ordering everyone around."

QUOTE BOX

Life is really simple, but we insist on making it complicated. **—Confucius**

RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus:

Corporate

Answer: Corporate downsizing.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:
1 It is exactly 36 inches
5 South African plains
9 Condensed moisture
12 The friendly pirate in 'Peter Pan'
13 Musical solo
14 Actress Gardner
15 Coastal birds
16 They help during childbirth
18 Excessive bureaucracy (3,4)
20 Driving while intoxicated, abbr.
21 TLC providers
22 Shuts; finishes
25 Worn by a cook or a chef to protect his clothes?
28 Misfortune
29 One hundred forty nine in Roman numerals?
30 Animal's victim
31 Viscous or sticky substance
32 Thirty day month
33 Penultimate mo.
34 Writing fluid
35 Wished
36 Highly skilled people
38 Conversational stopgaps
39 Cheer
40 Place in position, establish
44 Chess champion Garry ___
47 Star Wars' Princes ___
48 Ram's mate
49 Roman censor
50 Cube inventor Rubik
51 Agreed
52 ___ Jadeja : Former Haryana and India all-rounder
53 Carries out

DOWN
1 River of Flanders
2 Ex-India batsman Pravin ___
3 Tear
4 Annihilate
5 Seductresses
6 Historic canal
7 Cover
8 Be slow and waste time
9 Tennis trophy (5,3)
10 Cain and Abel's mother
11 Existed
17 City in Nigeria
19 Girl's name
22 Dove sound
23 One in Oldenburg
24 Small platform to drag over snow
25 "A nap" anagram for "our own" in Hindi
26 Urge with a stick
27 Moves backwards
28 Chinese frying pan
31 Global Navigation Sys.
32 Pushed or elbowed
34 Island home of Odysseus
35 Hours in short ?
37 ___ smear : a test for cancer of the cervix?
38 Diplomatic messenger
40 Greek vowel
41 Flight prefix
42 Occupation or profession
43 Cambodia's neighbour
44 Lock opener
45 Admiration or respect
46 Indian rule

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

B	E	A	D		I	M	P		C	L	U	B
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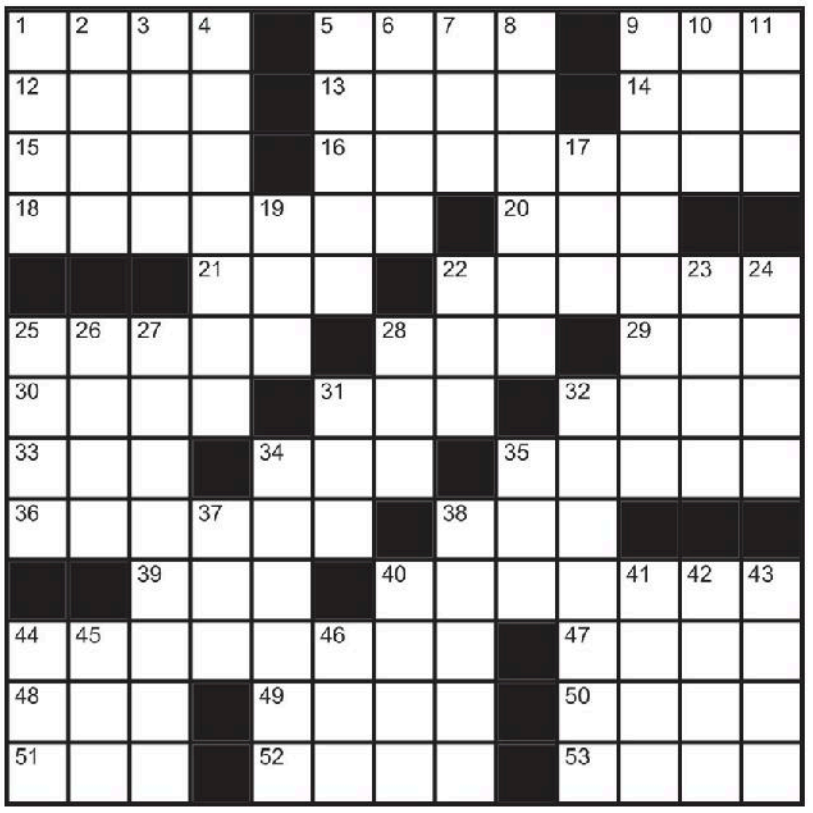

SUDOKU

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4	9	3	2	7				1
		4	6	5		1		
	3					9		
					3	7		

Answer to previous puzzle

2	5	9	8	1	7	3	4	6
1	3	6	9	5	4	8	2	7
8	4	7	6	3	2	5	1	9
9	8	3	1	6	5	4	7	2
4	7	5	3	2	9	6	8	1
6	1	2	4	7	6	9	3	5
7	6	4	5	8	1	2	9	3
3	9	1	2	4	6	7	5	8
5	2	8	7	9	3	1	6	4

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

XPAM QZRHV RQ'X ZPJBRHS PH QZYQ AYVMX PHM

XQDPHS; XPAMQRAMX RQ'X JMQQRHS SP.

TODAY'S CLUE: S EQUALS G

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: The grass is always greener once you don't have to mow a lawn anymore.

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Bachelor Party (K)	(S-1)	10.10 am, 1 pm, 7.10 pm
Kaatera (K)	(S-1)	3.50 pm
	(S-3)	10 pm
Malaikottai Valiban (Ma)	(S-1)	10.05 pm
Alexa (K)	(S-2)	10.15 am
Case of Kondana (K)	(S-2)	1 pm
Hanuman (K)	(S-2)	3.50 pm
3D Fighter (H)	(S-2)	6.55 pm
	(S-4)	9.40 am, 12.50 pm, 4 pm, 10.25 pm
2D Fighter (H)	(S-2)	10.05 pm
	(S-4)	7.10 pm
Upadhyaksha (K)	(S-3)	10.10 am, 1.05 pm, 4 pm, 7.05 pm

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3D Fighter (H)	:	10 am, 4.05 pm, 6.45 pm, 9.50 pm
Upadhyaksha (K)	:	10 am, 12.55 pm, 3.50 pm, 7.10 pm
Kaatera (K)	:	12.45 pm, 3.45 pm
Hanu-man (K)	:	1.05 pm, 4.05 pm
Case of Kondana (K)	:	7.05 pm
Blue Star (Ta)	:	9.50 pm
Malaikottai Valiban (Ma)	:	9.50 pm
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2D Fighter (H))	:	10.30 am, 2.05 pm 5.40 pm, 9.15 pm
3D Fighter (H))	:	11 am, 11.45 am, 2.35 pm, 3.20 pm, 6.10 pm, 6.55 pm, 9.45 pm, 10.30 pm
Trailers Screening Show	:	10.45 am
Hanu-man (K)	:	11.30 am
Hanu-man (H)	:	7.10 pm
Hanu-man (Te)	:	9.30 pm
Upadhyaksha (K)	:	12.35 pm
Blue Star (Ta)	:	12.50 pm
Kaatera (K)	:	2.50 pm
Bachelor Party (K)	:	3.45 pm, 6.25 pm, 10.05 pm
Singapore Saloon (Ta)	:	4.15 pm, 10.30 pm
Malaikottai Valiban (Ma)	:	6.50 pm

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Kaatera (K)	:	10.30 am
Trailers Screening Show	:	10.25 am
Bachelor Party (K)	:	11.15 am, 7 pm, 9.30 pm
3D Fighter (H)	:	11.30 am, 3.05 pm, 6.40 pm, 10.15 pm
2D Fighter (H)	:	12.05 pm, 2.20 pm, 5.55 pm
Case of Kondana (K)	:	2.05 pm
Hanu-man (Te)	:	3.40 pm
Koli Esru (K)	:	5.10 pm
Upadhyaksha (K)	:	7.20 pm
Singapore Saloon (Ta)	:	10.05 pm
Malaikottai Valiban (Ma)	:	10.30 pm

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Kaatera (K)	(S-3)	3.25 pm
Hanu-man (K)	(S-3)	12.05 pm
Case of Kondana (K)	(S-3)	10.30 pm
Upadhyaksha (K)	(S-2)	7.05 pm
	(S-3)	9 am
Bachelor Party (K)	(S-2)	9.20 am, 4 pm, 10.20 pm
Malaikottai Valiban (Ma)	(S-3)	7.05 pm
Fighter (H)	(S-4)	12.25 pm
3D Fighter (H)	(S-1)	7.40 am, 11.15 am, 2.50 pm 6.25 pm, 10 pm
	(S-4)	10.30 am, 2.05 pm, 5.40 pm, 9.15 pm

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Upadhyaksha (K)	:	10 am, 4 pm, 7 pm
Hadinelentu (K)	:	11.35 am
3D Fighter (K)	:	11.45 am, 2.20 pm, 3.20 pm, 5.55 pm, 6.55 pm, 9.30 pm, 10.30 pm
Bachelor Party (K)	:	12.55 pm, 7.15 pm, 10.20 pm
Alexa (K)	:	1.10 pm
Singapore Saloon (Ta)	:	4.10 pm
Hanu-man (K)	:	10.20 pm

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EVENTS TODAY (FEB. 1)

- **Parampare:** Girija Kalyana Saptaha - Discourse on 'Tarakasura Yuddha' by Dr. Jyothi Shankar, songs by Sai Soudamani troupe, Ganapathi Temple, 'I' Block, Ramakrishnanagar, **6 pm.**
- **Sri Ramakrishna Ashram, Mysuru:** Swami Jnanayogananda speaks on 'Srimad Bhagavad Gita,' Ashram premises, Yadavagiri, **6 pm.**
- **Chinmaya Mission, Mysuru:** Krishna Rao Prakash delivers discourse on 'Srimad Bhagavata – 11th Skanda,' Yajnashale, Datta Sannidhi, Chinmaya Mission, Gokulam, **6 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (FEB. 2)

- **Parampare:** Girija Kalyana Saptaha - Discourse on 'Kaama Dahana' by Dr. Jyothi Shankar, songs by Sri Sharada Sangeetha Shale, Ganapathi Temple, 'I' Block, Ramakrishnanagar, **6 pm.**
- **Sri Ramakrishna Ashram, Mysuru:** Swami Vivekananda Jayanti celebrations, 162nd birth anniversary of Swami Vivekananda, Vedic Chanting, **5.15 am;** Mangalarati and Bhajans, **5.30 am;** Special Puja, **7.30 am;** Shivasahasranama Parayana, **8 am;** Bhajans, **9 am;** Reading, **10.30 am;** Arati, **10.45 am;** Homa, **11 am;** Prasadam distribution, **12 noon;** Bhajans by Sri Sharada Samvit Bhajana Mandali, **4.30 pm to 5.30 pm;** Discourse in Kannada on 'Swami Vivekananda,' **6 pm to 6.50 pm;** Arati and Special Bhajans, Ashram premises, Yadavagiri, **7 pm to 8.30 pm.**
- **Anveshana Seva Trust and Ursu Jagruti Academy Charitable Trust:** 11th anniversary of 'Ursu Patrike,' conferring of 'Dhwani Kotta Dhani' award on six journalists of the city — Mysuru District Journalists Association (MDJA) President and Star of Mysore Chief Reporter S.T. Ravikumar, Executive Editor of Kannada Prabha, Mysuru, Amshi Prasannakumar, Chief Reporter of Vijayavani, Mysuru, Krishna, Prajavani Mysuru Bureau Chief K. Narasimhamurthy, Senior Chief Editor of Andolana T.V. Rajeshwar and Senior Photographer of The Hindu Sriram — former MLA Dr. Yathindra Siddaramaiah inaugurates, Horanadu Sri Annapoorneshwari Temple's Dr. Bhimeshwara Joshi confers the awards on scribes, MLC Dr. D. Thimmaiah pays tributes to the portrait of former Chief Minister late D. Devaraj Urs, Anveshana Seva Trust Founder Arya Amarnathraje Urs releases the special edition of 'Ursu Patrike' and former Kanteerava Studios Chairperson Vijayalakshmi Urs presides, Ursu Jagruti Academy Charitable Trust Vice-President H.A. Venkatesh, social worker K. Raghuram, Ursu Mandali President HMT Lingaraje Urs and Dr. MGR Urs chief guests, Institution of Engineers-India (IEI), JLB Road, **10.30 am.**
- **University Fine Arts College, University of Mysore (UoM), Sri Gubbi Veeranna Chair, Bharatiya Ranga Shikshana Kendra, Rangayana, Mysuru and KSGH Music and Performing Arts University:** Inauguration of Ranga Samyukta - Lecture series on Theatre and Theatre Related Arts, KSGH Music and Performing Arts University VC Prof. Nagesh V. Bettakote inaugurates, UoM Registrar V.R. Shylaja presides, Kannada & Culture Joint Director V.N. Mallikarjunaswamy chief guest, UoM Fine Arts College Principal Prof. Anita Vimla Braggs and Rangayana Deputy Director Nirmala Mathapati will be present, Lalithakala Rangamandira, Manasagangothri, **10.30 am;** Lecture on 'Fine Arts' by S.A. Yugashree, B.V. Karanth Ranga Chavadi, Rangayana premises, **5 pm to 7 pm.**
- **Devaraja Girls Government Independent PU College, Devaraja Mohalla:** Valedictory of Cultural, Sports, NSS, Ranger and Red Cross activities (2023-24) and releasing of College Magazine, Chamaraja MLA K. Harishgowda inaugurates, MLC Marithibbegowda releases the magazine, DDPU M. Mariswamy chief guest, orator & retd. Principal of St. Philomena's College Prof. M. Krishnegowda main speaker, Devaraja Girls Government Independent PU College Principal Dr. M.G. Ramananda presides, Rashtrakavi Kuvempu auditorium, College premises, **11 am.**
- **Smart EES Club:** Skills India 2024: AI Edition Conference with Adeptic Creative Labs, inauguration and opening address by Yaduveer Krishnadatta Chamaraja Wadiyar of Mysore Royal Family, keynote address by Pavan Soni - Innovation Evangelist, Panel discussion on 'Skilling in the age of AI' - Speakers are P.R. Seetha Lakshmi, SPM, Broadcom, Dr, Rajaram Kudli, Data Science Evangelist and Naveen Lakkur, Chief Innovation Coach; Session moderator - Neeraja Ganesh, TEDx speaker and leadership trainer and coach; Workshop on Communication through Theatre Experience by Dr. Rajashri, Co-Founder of Vyoma Artspace and Studio Theatre; Launch of an exclusive skill development platform aimed at skilling non-metro youth with employable skills, Silent Shores Resort & Spa, BEML Road, Hootagalli, **2 pm to 7 pm.**

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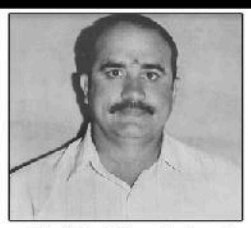

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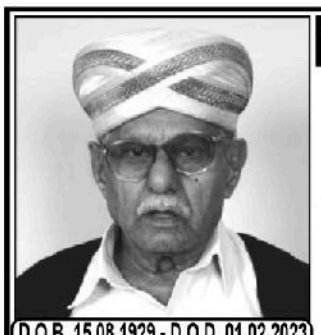

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